THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (e) Soon after the Delhi Rent Bill 1994 was passed by the Parliament, representations were received from a section of trader-tenants demanding changes in some of the provisions of the Bill. The Chief Minister, Government of NCT of Delhi also appointed an All Party Committee which suggeeted some changes in the Bill. These suggestions primarily relate to registration of tenancies, eviction, inheritablitiy, enhancement of rent, deemed rent, etc. On the other hand a large number of representation have been received asking for early emplementation of the Act. All the issues are under examination of the Government.

Impact of Changes in Power Policy on the Mega Projects

727. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether major changes in the power policy announced by the Prime Minister have put a question mark on the future of mega projects as well as on the planning in the power sector;

(b) whether sharing of power generated from mega projects has been a contentious issue, as most of SEBS are demanding a bigger cut for themselves and it has not been specified as to who would bear such a responsibility;

(c) whether the delegation of power to States to clear private power projects must be juxtaposed with SEBs capability to undertake the responsibility of providing techno-economic clearance for all project; and

(d) it so, the details of the procedure adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. the sharing of power from power plants set up in the Central Sector is decided on the basis of a prescribed formula. For private sector mega projects i.e. projects of capacity 1000 MW or more and supplying power to more than one State, the sharing of power is negotiated and finalised throught power purchase agreements (PPAs) between promoter and the purchasing State Electricity Boards. The policy provides for Power Grid to take measures for selection of the promoters and help in finalising the PPAs.

(c) and (d) The power for techno-economic clearance of power projects to the States have been delegated to the States basically with regard to schemes for generating stations being set up by Generating Companies selected on the basis of competitive bidding for projects involving capital expenditure upto Rupees One thousand Crores, to enable speedy clearances of the projects in line with the policy of liberalisation.

OECF fund for power projects in Andhra Pradesh

728. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested to get the Simhadri Power project at Visakhapatnam and Krishnapatnam Thermal Power Station in Nellore district processed for inclusion under OECF funding for the current and the coming year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to get the project cleared in the interest of development of the State?

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OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (c): Andhra Pradesh Government/Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) have requested assistance for several new power projects incluing Transmission Schemes for evacuation of power from Vizag, Simhadri and Krishnapatnam TPSs under OECF 1997-98 loan package. However, after discussions with APSEB and keeping in view the preparedness of the related generation projects, Ministry of Finance has been requested to pose the Integrated Transmission Scheme to evacuate power from Vizag and Simhadri TPSs at an estimated cost of Rs. 809 crores to the Government of Japan/ OECF. Simhadri Thermal Power Generation Project Stage I (2 × 500 MW) of National Thermal Power Corporation in Andhra Pradesh has already been agreed to be funded by the Government of Japan under the 1996-97 OECF loan package.

Benefits of R & D in KDMIPE of ONGC

729. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the benefits derived as a result of R & D in KDMIPE of ONGC is the source rich sequences in West Bengal which has indicated exploration activities to be carried on in certain areas;

(b) if so, the areas actually identified; and

(c) the exploration activities planned during the next three years in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Geochemical R&D work carried out in West Bengal have shown the presence of source rock in Jalangi - Durlabhpur - Dhananjaypur, Eaidyapura depression Area south-east of Ichapur-I and Gold Green-I.

(c) The action plan for exploration in Bengal Basin is contingent upon a review and reassessment of all the geoscientific data *viz.* geological, geophysical and Geochemical data.

Non-conventional energy programmes in Maharashtra

730. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial and physical achievements under various non-conventional energy programmes implemented in Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) the estimated cost of the projects which are non-operative under various programmes, district-wise, in the State and action taken to make these projects operative;

(c) what is the power potential from wind in coastal regions of Maharashtra and actual potential tapped so far and the reasons for non-tapping of the full potentials; and

(d) the details of financial allocations under various programmes in Maharashtra during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The financial and physical achievements under various non-conventional energy programmes in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years is given in statement (*see* below)

(b) The survey of cost estimates for the non-operative non-conventional energy systems and devices under various programmes has not been carried out district-wise/project-wise in the State of Maharashtra. However, the State Governments including the Government of Maharashtra, are requested, from time to time, to make the non-operative system, if any, operational.